



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Minutes of the Finance Subcommittee on Workers' Compensation**

11:30 AM

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Virtual Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman S. Morrison, Vice-Chairman Britton, Commissioners Degnen, Johnson and K. Morrison (5)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman S. Morrison asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in Accordance with Cook County Code.

No speakers.

Commissioner K. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, moved that the Workers' Compensation Subcommittee convene in Open Session to consider matters of pending Workers' Compensation. The motion carried.

Commissioner K. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, moved Approval of the cases over \$25,000.00. The motion carried.

22-5058

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 07/27/2022

A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve 22-5058. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman S. Morrison, Vice-Chairman Britton, Commissioners Degnen, Johnson and K. Morrison (5)

1. SETTLEMENTS AND DECISIONS

ALEXANDER, L.C.
20 WC 19254

Petitioner, a Corrections Officer, sustained an injury to his left leg and left wrist following an altercation with a detainee.

Commissioner K. Morrison seconded by Commissioner Johnson moved Approval. The motion carried.

BURDI, JOSEPH
20 WC 22380

Petitioner injured his left foot and back while walking in densely wooded area, stepped where there was a drop off and landed awkwardly.

Commissioner K. Morrison seconded by Commissioner Johnson moved Approval. The motion carried.

CASSIDY, ROBERT
20 WC 31955

Petitioner, a County Police Officer, sustained an injury to his right shoulder during physical defense training.

Commissioner K. Morrison seconded by Commissioner Johnson moved Approval. The motion carried.

GAROFALO, JOSEPH
21 WC 14526

Petitioner, a Motor Vehicle Driver, sustained an injury after his feet became tangled in vines while holding a chainsaw.

Commissioner K. Morrison seconded by Commissioner Johnson moved Approval. The motion carried.

HOWARD, EDWARD
20 WC 018341

Petitioner injured his left shoulder and left knee while breaking up a fight between two residents.

Commissioner K. Morrison seconded by Commissioner Johnson moved Approval. The motion carried.

LAVEN, STEPHEN
20 WC 12502

Petitioner was attempting to secure a detainee when he sustained injuries to his left shoulder, left bicep, and lower back/right hip.

Commissioner K. Morrison seconded by Commissioner Johnson moved Approval. The motion carried.

LEON, JORGE
19 WC 21345

Petitioner injured his right elbow and triceps area while trying to restrain a detainee.

20 WC 18840

Petitioner injured his right thigh, groin, and hip when he slipped on food in a cell while trying to secure a detainee.

21 WC 20198

Petitioner injured his left wrist while trying to secure and handcuff a detainee.

Commissioner K. Morrison seconded by Commissioner Johnson moved Approval. The motion carried.

MCRAE, MELONEY
15 WC 36496

Petitioner was at work and attempted to sit in a chair with wheels. The chair rolled out from Petitioner and she fell onto the floor landing on her back.

Commissioner K. Morrison seconded by Commissioner Johnson moved Approval. The motion carried.

NOLAN, DANIEL
20 WC 18032

Petitioner injured his left knee and hip while he was conducting a takedown technique during restraint training.

Commissioner K. Morrison seconded by Commissioner Johnson moved Approval. The motion carried.

OBRZUT, JENNIFER
18 WC 29281

Petitioner injured her right hand and wrist while opening a heavy metal cell door.

18 WC 39282

Petitioner again injured her right hand while opening a cell door.

19 WC 31001

Petitioner injured her right hand while opening a cell door.

21 WC 07729

Petitioner reported an injury when she slipped and fell on the back dock, causing her to fall into a metal pole.

Commissioner K. Morrison seconded by Commissioner Johnson moved Approval. The motion carried.

OLSON, MATTHEW
20 WC 29322

Petitioner was employed by the County as a Temporary Election Judge. Petitioner was in the gymnasium at Grant-White Intermediate Elementary School when he fell down a flight of stairs injuring his left arm and his dominant right hand.

Commissioner K. Morrison seconded by Commissioner Johnson moved Approval. The motion carried.

PASQUEL JR., RICHARD
18 WC 05351

Petitioner was getting out of his car in the parking lot at work when he slipped on a patch of ice and fell to the ground. He sustained a left hip contusion, a cervical strain, and cervical disc herniations.

Commissioner K. Morrison seconded by Commissioner Johnson moved Approval. The motion carried.

PAYNE, SHARI
19 WC 13737

Petitioner was at work and got into an altercation with a detainee who punched her in the left wrist area.

Commissioner K. Morrison seconded by Commissioner Johnson moved Approval. The motion carried.

PORCHE, STACY
17 WC 36766

Petitioner was at work walking down the stairs when her right foot got caught in a sanitation crate.

Commissioner K. Morrison seconded by Commissioner Johnson moved Approval. The motion carried.

RAINES, JEANNE
16 WC 07776

Petitioner was injured when she fell off of a stool while attempting to obtain a radio.

Commissioner K. Morrison seconded by Commissioner Johnson moved Approval. The motion carried.

RUBEN, DEON
18 WC 29172

Petitioner injured his lower back and right leg while retraining a resident.

Commissioner K. Morrison seconded by Commissioner Johnson moved Approval. The motion carried.

SAWYER III, USHER
08 WC 52051

Petitioner injured his right shoulder and left leg when he slipped and fell into a ditch while cutting grass, with his right shoulder striking the bottom of the ditch.

08 WC 52051

Petitioner injured his neck, left leg, left wrist, and left hand when after removing a sewer grate, the grate slipped, and the Petitioner's hand became stuck causing the grate to pull Petitioner to the ground.

Commissioner K. Morrison seconded by Commissioner Johnson moved Approval. The motion carried.

SIMMONDS, ADOLFO
20 WC 23266

Petitioner, an Assistant Public Defender, sustained an injury to his right shoulder following a fall on ice on County property while working.

Commissioner K. Morrison seconded by Commissioner Johnson moved Approval. The motion carried.

WILLIAMS, JR., TIMOTHY
20 WC 21901

Petitioner was at work restraining residents when he felt a pop in his left shoulder.

Commissioner K. Morrison seconded by Commissioner Johnson moved Approval. The motion carried.

YOUNG, STEVEN
19 WC 00715

Petitioner injured his right hand when he was conducting traffic control in the Cook County Stroger Hospital parking lot and was struck by a vehicle's side mirror.

Commissioner K. Morrison seconded by Commissioner Johnson moved Approval. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner K. Morrison, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman S. Morrison, Vice-Chairman Britton, Commissioners Degnen, Johnson and K. Morrison (5)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman

LYNNE M. TURNER
Secretary

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